

Walk to School Day Juneau, Alaska October 2000

A Summary of Activities and a Report of the Findings from Walking Checklists

Walk to School Day is dedicated to walking to school with a purpose – to promote physical activity, safety, health, and concern for the environment. Walk to School Day is a growing national and international event. Juneau held its inaugural Walk to School Day activity during October 2000.



Riverbend students crossing Riverside Drive with parents and Officer Kim Martin

I. The Mission of Walk to School Day:

Health

How easy and enjoyable it is for adults and children to spend healthy, active time together doing the world's simplest exercise – walking.

Safety

The importance of teaching children safe walking behaviors: how to cross streets, how to select safe routes to school, and wearing reflective clothing.

Walkability

Critique the steps taken by a child to help create more walkable communities: advocating for crosswalks, sidewalks, crossing guards, and better driver behavior.

II. Pedestrian Safety in Action this year in Juneau:

- ➤ Officer Kim Martin, Juneau Police Department, led a group of officers into each elementary school (K-3) during October to teach and reinforce pedestrian safety.
- ➤ The "Walk" event was held on October 25 at Gastineau, Charter, Riverbend, Glacier Valley, Mendenhall River, and Auke Bay. The weather on this day was extremely foggy, highlighting the need for safe routes to school and reflective clothing.
- ➤ The event was held at Harborview on October 24 and November 7 to coincide with a parent/child activity sponsored by the school, Donuts for Dads and Muffins for Moms.
- Reflective bands were given to schools for distribution to students to encourage the "be safe, be seen" message.
- ➤ Juneau Police Department officers monitored busy intersections on the Walk Day and met children and parents.
- Parents were encouraged to complete a walking checklist as they walked with their child to school. 317 checklists were completed during the event. A copy of the Checklist form used during the walk appears at the end of this report.

III. <u>Walking Checklists – Parents Were Asked To:</u>

- Rate their concerns for eight pedestrian issues
- ➤ Identify streets and intersections of particular concern
- Comment on pedestrian issues at their school

IV. Findings - All Schools

Parents were asked to rate their concerns on a scale from "not" concerned to "extremely" concerned on eight pedestrian issues (all eight are listed in the summary table below). Based upon the percentage of parents who marked "very" or "extremely" concerned for an issue, the following rank order was established for all schools.

Number 1 Concern α Sidewalks cleared of snow and ice

Number 2 α Traffic too fast, reckless

Number 3 \(\alpha \) Sidewalks inadequate or not present

V. <u>District Summary By School:</u>

Participation figures and the rank order of pedestrian issues by school is depicted by this table.

	Auke Bay	Charter	Gastineau	Glacier Valley	Harborview	Mendenhall River	Riverbend	All Schools Combined
Parents who completed a Walking checklist	61	2	57	57	61	44	35	317
Children of those parents	80	3	83	92	77	64	49	448

PEDESTRIAN ISSUE:

1. Sidewalks cleared of snow and ice			1	1	1		1	1
2. Traffic too fast, reckless	2	1		3	2	3	2	2
3. Sidewalks inadequate or not present	1		2			2		3
4. Shelter or safe waiting area at bus stop			3			1		4
5. Adequate lighting of streets or bus stop	3			2	3		3	5
6. Had to walk within splash area of traffic		1						6
7. Wild or domestic animals a threat								7
8. Crime (gangs, bullying)								8

A copy of the Checklist form used during the walk appears at the end of this report.

VI. Reported Results By School:

Responses made by parents on the Walking Checklists are compiled for each school in this report.

- > Ranking the eight pedestrian issues by school
- > The streets and intersections most often noted by parents
- > Written comments from parents

VII. Thanks

Thanks for all the parents and children who participated in the event. Enjoy your daily walk to school.



Auke Bay

Parents completing checklists for the Walk Event:

61

Children of the parents who completed checklists:

80



Greatest Concerns – those marking "Very" or "Extremely" Concerned

1.	Sidewalks inadequate or not present	49.2%
2.	<u>Traffic too fast</u> , reckless	31.1%
3.	Adequate <u>lighting</u> of streets or bus stop	25.0%
4.	Shelter or safe waiting area at bus stop	22.1%
5.	Had to walk within splash area of traffic	21.1%
6.	Sidewalks cleared of snow and ice	19.6%
7.	Wild or domestic <u>animals</u> a threat	15.5%
8.	<u>Crime</u> (gangs, bullying)	5.6%

Streets or Intersections – specific locations of concern for Auke Bay parents:

- 1. Backloop Road
- 2. Glacier Highway
- 3. Crossing Glacier Hwy into the school
- 4. Fritz Cove Road and the intersection with Glacier
- 5. DeHart's intersection (Loop Rd and Glacier)

Parental Comments on pedestrian issues and the Walk to School Event:

"Needs immediate attention. Auke Bay area is dangerous for walking because traffic has increased greatly in last several years. Please respond. Thanks. 1) lower speed limit around Deharts curve. 2) crosswalk between Deharts and school"

"I have been working with DOT via David H. Appreciate his time. Sounds like nothing will be done to slow traffic on the highway. Please continue to look out for children walking to school"

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"Speeding cars create safety hazards for	"Auke Bay needs a sidewalk leading to the
walkers and bus riders"	school"
"Our home is pretty much too far away from	"You should put more lights on streets and
the school to walk everyday"	lakes near roads"
"More houses, more children, more cars, more	"It was a lot of fun and we saw an eagle 20 feet
construction vehicles, road in poor condition,	away eating a fish at Lake Creek."
vehicles are going too fast"	
"Thanks for the opportunity to survey, hope	"There are no sidewalks in this neighborhood.
this helps improve street safety"	The kids are in the street because they have no
	choice. We live 5 min. from the school but the
	route changed this year making my 7-yr. old
	ride home 40-min. long. This is too long! So I
	just pack up my other two kids and we go get
	her"
"The walk to our bus stop is fine- I have no	"If there is a heavy snow fall-the sidewalks
concerns there. It would be nice to have a	along Egan Drive do not get plowed for weeks.
separate bike path on the Back Loop road"	The kids then have to walk in the highway.
	Also, there is no sidewalk form Egan HWY
	onto school grounds. The drive way is narrow
	& filled with big busses and cars"
No crosswalk from F. Cove to sidewalk on	"The bus ride to and from school gets pretty
other side. Cars move to fast in Dehart and	noisy. My child comes home with a headache
Back loop area.	sometimes. Kids seem to be out of control,
	something needs to be done.
"We live on a small back road so traffic speed	"Need more crosswalks going form Back Loop
and "industrial" additions a shelters and	towards Deharts and Back Loop towards Auke
sidewalks aren't necessary. Biggest concern is	Bay School"
visibility, especially at daylight savings time	
end up October.	

End of comments from Auke Bay parents

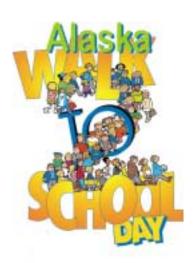
Gastineau

Parents completing checklists for the Walk Event:

57

Children of the parents who completed checklists:

83



Greatest Concerns – those marking "Very" or "Extremely" Concerned

1.	Sidewalks cleared of snow and ice	43.6%
2.	Sidewalks inadequate or not present	38.4%
3.	Shelter or safe waiting area at bus stop	27.9%
4.	Had to walk within splash area of traffic	26.9%
5.	Wild or domestic <u>animals</u> a threat	25.5%
6.	Adequate <u>lighting</u> of streets or bus stop	25.4%
7.	<u>Traffic too fast</u> , reckless	25.0%
8.	<u>Crime</u> (gangs, bullying)	14.0%

Streets or Intersections – specific locations of concern for Gastineau parents:

- 1. 3rd Street, Douglas
- 2. Douglas Highway
- 3. North Douglas Highway & Bonnie Doon Drive
- 4. North Douglas Highway & Ninemile Creek Road
- 5. 5th Street, Douglas

Parental Comments on pedestrian issues and the Walk to School Event:

"Appropriate street lighting is essential at this
intersection to protect children crossing and
drivers coming around the southbound curve to
pedestrian presence"
"During certain times of the year bears live

	across from our house, children at bus stop
	fight a lot"
"A good idea might be to have a crossing guard	"When the snow comes, sidewalks are often
present until 9 am. The bus stop at David	not clear and kids may have to walk on the
street concerns me. The children wait at the	highway-very dangerous"
stop sign. I've seen children goofing around	
and almost get hit"	
"Focus on second street, cars go too fast"	"Megan goes to school before crossing guard is
	on duty. I walk her to/from school everyday"
"Child used to walk to and from school- peer	"Though it is light when Matthew walks to and
group like riding bus and I don't want my child	from school at this age- reflective tape is on
walking alone"	my list to purchase after being made aware of
-	prospective danger without it"
"Once the hill becomes icy, the children are in	"Bus stop is in front of our house"
danger from sliding cars"	
"School should be open by at least 8:30 to let	"Did not walk, its 5 miles to school. No side
kids in- especially when its cold or rainy-which	walks on N. Douglas Hwy"
is almost always. If a child wants to spend	
extra time at school, turning them away, sets a	
very bad example"	
"Need to add reflective to jackets"	"Its too far for the children to walk alone to
	school. Bears, loose dogs, strangers standing
	and watching kids"
"Walked from Douglas PO to Gastineau-very	"Something has to be done about the traffic.
nice"	Especially when it is a school zone. The speed
	limit sign needs to be moved down further.
	Some days I cant even cross the street"
"We did not walk full way, but did a partial	"The cross walk before school is always safe,
walk so child could participate. Normally	thanks to the school providing a monitor!
child is drop and picked up by a family	Thanks Gastineau for that"
member"	

End of comments from Gastineau parents

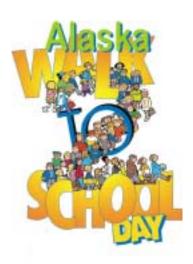
Glacier Valley

Parents completing checklists for the Walk Event:

57

Children of the parents who completed checklists:

92



Greatest Concerns – those marking "Very" or "Extremely" Concerned

1.	Sidewalks cleared of snow and ice	46.3%
2.	Adequate <u>lighting</u> of streets or bus stop	39.1%
3.	Traffic too fast, reckless	38.5%
4.	Shelter or safe waiting area at bus stop	37.2%
5.	Had to walk within splash area of traffic	27.6%
6.	Sidewalks inadequate or not present	27.1%
7.	Wild or domestic animals a threat	19.2%
8.	<u>Crime</u> (gangs, bullying)	18.0%

Streets or Intersections – specific locations of concern for Glacier Valley parents:

- 1. Valley Boulevard and Kiowa Drive
- 2. Valley Boulevard and Mendenhall Loop Road
- 3. Tongass Boulevard
- 4. Floyd Dryden
- 5. School parking lot dropping off students

Parental Comments on pedestrian issues and the Walk to School Event:

"Now that the traffic is routed in the parking	"It concerns me about traffic I watch parents
lot, the kids are coming out from between	go the low speed limit until they drop off their
parked cars and into the area where cares are	child, then the speed limit is forgotten, I
driving in the parking lot"	observe this every time I walk my son to
	school"
"the new intersection at SRMD & Loop road-	"Thanks for your concern"

dangerous for crossing the loop"	
"The new parking/drop off is much more	"Valley Blvd. Is a very busy street with lots of
confusing. There are kids and cars all over the	traffic and pedestrians, children must walk a
parking lot. Too much backing up of vehicles	long way from home to get to a dangerous bus
where children are walking. Cars sit two	stop (Valley and Kiowa)"
across- making for angry drivers"	stop (vaney and Klowa)
"I think buses should run year round no matter	"Question # 6 brought to my attention the lack
how far away your house is from the school	of reflective clothing which will become
shelter provided!"	necessary as the days get shorter. Thank you"
"Concern about dogs unleashed they follow	"The intersection and SRMD and loop road-
and bark at children. I think people should not	dangerous for crossing the Loop rd."
leave their dogs loose"	dangerous for crossing the Loop fu.
"There are no sidewalks along Valley Blvd!	"The traffic pattern in front of Glacier Valley
This is a very busy street before and after	school puts too much traffic at the intersection
school. Lots of children must walk along way	of Jennifer and Tongass. So far Traffic has
to get to a dangerous bus stop at Valley &	been very careful and that intersection is not
Kiowa"	monitored.
"The walk from our house and to her	"Too much traffic turning onto Valley Blvd.
babysitters is just right. No problems"	And visibility is horrible and people are racing
	through pedestrians"
"Could there be away to institute an escort	"This is a great opportunity for children of all
program w/ older kids?"	ages to brush up on safety and also enjoy the
	wonderful outdoors"
"Street light for walking went too fast. We	"The parking lot is an accident waiting to
could not walk across the street. We had to	happen! Cars sit side by side dropping off
cross along the side road."	kids, which encourages passing (upset
	drivers). If you pull into a parking spot it is all
	most impossible to get back out. Someone is
	going to get hurt. Please do something!"
"After seeing the different ways to help my	"Concern about dogs unleashed they follow
child, I will do so. Reflective markings on	children around. I think they should not let
clothing etc"	their dogs loose"
"It seems to be a long walk from the bus to	"Parents dropping off their children in Glacier
home for a 5 year old. (Coho apt.) especially	Valley. School's parking lot is a mess!
with no sidewalks"	Little tykes walk between parked cars and
	people are going around idling cars.
"Lots of cross traffic-commuters & folks in a	"Many cars don't stop at sign or pull to far out
rush to drop kids off at Floyd Dryden cross	into intersection. Also, many children blow
walk-20 mph zone neither followed nor	through the stop sign on their bikes or walking
enforced on Loop. 1) Lots of bears seen here	or running without even looking for cars
this year 2) kids fooling around at bus stop	coming down Dudley St., which does not have
going into traffic without looking"	a stop sign. Would recommend trimming back
	trees & growth so visibility is better-
	particularly on corner w/ house under
	construction"

End of comments from Glacier Valley parents

Harborview

Parents completing checklists for the Walk Event:

61

Children of the parents who completed checklists:

77



Greatest Concerns – those parents marking "Very" or "Extremely" Concerned:

1.	Sidewalks cleared of snow and ice	38.2%
2.	Traffic too fast, reckless	36.8%
3.	Adequate <u>lighting</u> of streets or bus stop	19.6%
4.	Shelter or safe waiting area at bus stop	18.3%
5.	<u>Crime</u> (gangs, bullying)	13.8%
6.	Wild or domestic <u>animals</u> a threat	12.1%
7.	Sidewalks inadequate or not present	10.2%
8.	Had to walk within splash area of traffic	3.6%

Streets or Intersections – specific locations of concern for Harborview parents:

- 12th Street and Glacier Avenue
 12th Street and C Street
- 3. Intersections along Glacier Avenue
- 4. Calhoun Avenue
- 5. Craig Street

Parental Comments on pedestrian issues and the Walk to School Event:

"High schoolers speeding on Behrends Ave.	"Thanks for the survey"
(extremely concerned)	
"12 th and Glacier-Drug dealers in area I've	"Street behind gym should not be open to
called police, but nothing seems to be done,	through traffic-commuters in a hurry use it to
please call 463-3563"	skirt 4 way stop. The buses parked on this
	street create a blind spot for speeding"
"the ice in the winter is extremely thick and	"Daughter has very short walk to Harborview"

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unsanded on our street"	
"Thank you for organizing this"	"Good idea"
"Groups of HS kids continue to congregate by	"I live on Glacier Ave. and have seen a lot of
Ever Green Cemetery nearest Old Glacier	cars speeding in the school zone".
Hwy. My child is very uncomfortable walking	
around/through them and their poor example"	
"Bad location for school (No parking, no grass	"We live in a slow residential area one block
fields) p.s. they are children only once. Lets	from the bus stop. All I would like to see is a
give them more play area"	shelter from the rain and snow".
"Bears are a concern"	"Kids need covered protection from the
	weather at their bus stops"
"Would like an adult crossing guard @ 12 th	"Are concerning the child safety at school"
and Old Glacier Hwy"	
"Glacier Ave & 12th. east side of the	"My daughter walks down Troy to Spruce,
intersections divers are very careless at that	then to Old Glacier she passes the Grave yard.
intersection, do inadequate stops, don't yield	That's where the older kids gather- that's my
adequately to pedestrians"	main concern".
"The neighborhood is generally safe. Some of	"School is well sidewalk & side within one
the high school kids drive too fast/ wreaks and	block of building, could always use more drop
we had one minor incident of bullying by HS	off and pick-up parking area"
kids"	
"It's nice other parents like myself take my	"High school kids smoking and swearing at Fst
child to the bus stop and there is always	and 11 th .
someone else is there when I don't make it.	

End of comments from Harborview parents

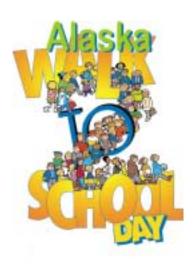
Mendenhall River

Parents completing checklists for the Walk Event:

44

Children of the parents who completed checklists:

64



Greatest Concerns – those marking "Very" or "Extremely" Concerned

1.	Shelter or safe waiting area at bus stop	36.8%
2.	Sidewalks inadequate or not present	35.7%
3.	Traffic too fast, reckless	31.7%
4.	Adequate <u>lighting</u> of streets or bus stop	30.9%
5.	Sidewalks cleared of snow and ice	30.0%
6.	Had to walk within splash area of traffic	23.8%
7.	<u>Crime</u> (gangs, bullying)	11.9%
8.	Wild or domestic <u>animals</u> a threat	9.3%

Streets or Intersections – specific locations of concern for Mendenhall River parents:

- 1. Tournure Street
- 2. Columbia Boulevard and Taku Boulevard
- 3. Mendenhall Boulevard and Aspen Avenue
- 4. Tournure Street and Columbia Boulevard
- 5. Riverside Drive

<u>Parental Comments</u> on pedestrian issues and the Walk to School Event:

nink Juneau has done a great job making
e our children are as safe as possible from
nging route directions so kids don't cross
y streets to changing school start up times.
JUNEAU!"
orrible walking conditions"

father will walk home with her from rally"		
"We need more space between bus line and	"Corner of Taku & Columbia needs an 4-way	
Reflector"	stop. The traffic goes too fast the sidewalks on	
	Columbia"	
"Move the speed enforcement on Julep"	"We walked to his bus stop which is not very	
	far and there are sidewalks all the way"	
"The change of schedule combined with the addition of the stop light have increased traffic on Stephen Richards and put the little kids at the bus stop during rush hour".	 "During rush hour traffic, cars were going fast while crossing Mendenhall Blvd" "Some parents stop on Mendenhall Blvd. To drop child off. Other cars dart around stopped cars. As a result of parked cars, my children can't see on coming (passing) cars. I would suggest all parents dropping their children off at bus stop, drive a route that all of them to drop off along Aspen ONLY!" "My children also says, there is a lot of 	
"School starts to early (needs to start around	7. "My children also says, there is a lot of rough housing going on, throwing rocks, snowballs etc." "Due to parent employment, unable to	
8:30 or 9:00) too dark at 8:00"	participate. We live North of River with school authorization). Good program! Thank you"	
"This was fun to do! Only concern was congestion of cars and buses near end of Columbia"	"There is a problem with cars not stopping to let children cross at crosswalk"	
"People drive too fast on Riverside. We see a lot of people sliding in the winter and people passing"	"Columbia and Tournure and Sesame street- not enough room to walk on side, There are only 2 blocks w/ sidewalks between Aspen and the school. My daughter said it was a good walk, took 25 min."	
"The bus routes need to be re-visited. Buses should not stop only on outside layers of streets, they should also go down interior and the stops don't make any sense. Thank you"	"Had fun should do more often"	
"She does have one on her bike (reflector), but nowhere else"	"Columbia to Tournure to MRCS - needs	
HOWHELE CISE	sidewalks, lights, crosswalks"	

End of comments from Mendenhall River parents

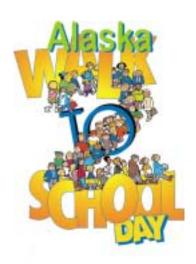
Riverbend

Parents completing checklists for the Walk Event:

35

Children of the parents who completed checklists:

49



Greatest Concerns – those marking "Very" or "Extremely" Concerned

1.	Sidewalks cleared of snow and ice	40.7%
2.	Traffic too fast, reckless	37.2%
3.	Shelter or safe waiting area at bus stop	30.3%
4.	Adequate <u>lighting</u> of streets or bus stop	30.3%
5.	Sidewalks inadequate or not present	23.5%
6.	<u>Crime</u> (gangs, bullying)	22.9%
7.	Wild or domestic <u>animals</u> a threat	22.9%
8.	Had to walk within splash area of traffic	20.0%

Streets or Intersections – specific locations of concern for Riverbend parents:

- 1. James Boulevard
- 2. Linda Street and James Boulevard
- 3. Riverside Drive
- 4. Long Run Drive and Riverside Drive
- 5. Killewich Drive and Sharon Street

<u>Parental Comments</u> on pedestrian issues and the Walk to School Event:

"All of the kids (about 5 or 6) who pick up the	In the winter time it is extremely difficult for	
morning bus at Riverside and Long Run live	cars to stop on Riverside for the crosswalk.	
on either Turn or Northland. It would be a lot	Last year I witnessed numerous accidents or	
safer if they could pick up the bus at Riverside	near accidents at River and James Blvd."	
& Northland to avoid walking along Riverside"		
" I am very concerned about people not	"My kids really need reflective material, so	

watching out for kids when backing out of their driveways"	they can be seen in the dark. Thank you"
"Winter snow & ice buildup is very bad. Children are playing on mountains next to the street on the sidewalk on the side of River School that is usually cleared. Kids don't always use crosswalk at school for Parkwood"	"We had fun walking to school. I was surprised at some of the careless unsupervised kids walking. There were no parents out on this special day"
"Children are being drop off that live outside the district"	"My mom needs a reflective too! Because she wears dark clothes".
"If schools can provide reflective material that would be great thank you"	"Soon it will be dark, almost all the time!"
"I have been active with my children's safety since day one, and wish there were more parents like me"	"My kids doesn't want to walk to school alone in the dark, we live on Glacierwood Drive"
"My child comes from 2 households in alternate weeks- one near Glacier Valley School"	"There is no flashing lights on the right part of DZ school road. A police sign for a station may help. Officers in vehicles area a large help in school zone, and at speed interceptor. Bullying at bus stops happens daily"
"Due to one of our children being sick we only walked to the bus stop with one child-there is no street light on Killewich-kids board bus at Sharon & Killewich"	"Forested area between James Place Apts. & Riverside should be cleared or thinned more"
"No lights at the bus stop on the corner of Killewich & Sharon St. This isn't a problem for late spring or early fall but the winter darkness makes me concerned about safety at this bus stop"	"I walk with my daughter to the Middle School and then work at the Riverbend crosswalk-many young drivers drive too fast and do things like peel out and take corners fast. Also, its not uncommon for people in cars to yell things at younger kids-which is scaring them."
"We are lucky to be on a greenbelt for walking and the stop is on a residential street".	"We like the alternate stop on Killawich rather than the corner of Killawich and Sharron, where there is more traffic".
"Wasn't able to walk with my child, to far, however I listed what my concerns are regarding my child's bus stop"	Wish there was a crosswalk at more than the one street, maybe one on Parkwood?"
"The bus stop is on the main road into the housing area. The bus then goes down Aspen. It would be safer for the kids to be on Aspen than on Mendenhall Blvd"	

End of comments from Riverbend parents

Charter School

Alaska

Parents completing checklists for the Walk Event:

2

Children of the parents who completed checklists:

3

Greatest Concerns – those marking "Very" or "Extremely" Concerned

1. Had to walk within <u>splash</u> area of traffic

50.0%

1. Traffic too fast, reckless

50.0%

Streets or Intersections – specific locations of concern for Charter School parents:

1. Intersection of 9th, Capitol Ave, A Street

<u>Parental Comments</u> on pedestrian issues and the Walk to School Event:

"The danger is that people are always driving	
too fast, thoughtlessly, or carelessly to notice	
little people, or to be concerned or aware of the	
"beginning pedestrian"	

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